

August 29th, 2021 The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

Sunday Masses (Sat 5:30 pm) | Sunday 6:30am, 8 ,10, 12 noon, 5:30pm -Church, 8:30am -Courtyard | Mon.-Sat. 8am -Church

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are not complete without you! Therefore ... humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. James 1:21

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 8 to 12, 1 to 8 pm Friday 8 to 12, 1-4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

In the next few weeks the parish Finance Council will be reviewing and approving the annual financial report of the parish. I know the financial stability of the parish has been a concern of many parishioners. In very general broad strokes the numbers look like this: For Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July 2020 thru June 2021) the parish had Ordinary Income (Sunday Collections and Sacraments) of \$1,161,000 and Ordinary Expenses of \$1,269,000 for a loss of \$107,000.

Obviously, it has been a challenge during this last year and we are so thankful that we were able to receive the government Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Plan amount of \$139,000. This amount tipped the scales and has been the financial survival of the parish, and it will help to get us through this current year as well.

We are so grateful to those who have continued to support the parish during the pandemic, especially those who use our Faith Direct Online Giving. This became the stable foundation of our income during the year. We are also grateful to the extraordinary gifts we have received from parishioners whose generosity has lifted us up to continue our ministries and outreach.

To all of our supporting parishioners and benefactors; THANK YOU.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus

Penta Virtual Regional Congress 2021 A NEW BEGINNING



Saturday, September 25

LA Archdiocese - Office of Religious Education

English Tracks

Includes a FAMILY TRACK of 3 Workshops



In addition to the Catechist and PCL Tracks, and Live Interactive Breakouts

For More Information & to Register: lacatholics.org/regional-congress/

St. James School—Silent Auction

St. James School is holding their annual Silent Auction on October 22nd, 23rd & 24th. We are collecting new & unused items: Kids/teen toys, video gaming items, holiday decorations, household items, computer/ electronic equipment, event tickets, sports memorabilia to name just a few. Restaurant, hotel, spa, etc. gift certificates are always a huge success. Donations can be dropped off after the 8am, 10am and 12 noon masses by the bench at the parking lot exit of the church on: August 29 September 12, 19 & 26 October 3, 10 & 17 Questions: Natalie Straup 310-844-3613 or natdragon@gmail.com Thank you for your support of our Parish School!



Tired of writing checks and filling out envelopes? Simplify your life by **enroll**ing in Faith Direct's E-Giving by calling toll free **1-866-507-8757** or **https://www.faithdirect.net** Use the code **CA560**

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number Simply text any dollar amount to St. James' Number: 424.317.8878

Thank you for your continuing and generous support of Saint James' Catholic Community!



Labor Day

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Haiti Relief Fund

As you know the country of Haiti experienced a catastrophic earthquake causing immense damage and substantial loss of life. The earthquake was followed by a major tropical storm. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking for your support with the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund so that those most in need can receive assistance. Please send the funds to:

Mission Office, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010. Checks should be payable to: **MISSION OFFICE.** Thank you for your generosity.

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Time for some fun! St. James Thursday night BINGO is starting again in **Kavanagh Hall , September 9th.**

Doors open at 5:30pm. Early bird game at 6:45 Play all night for \$15 One pack covers all games St. James School receives the profits



Questions?

Contact: Parish Office 310.372.5228

WOULD YOU LIKE to COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation*).

If you have not received your First Holy Communion, this class will prepare you to do that as well.

Our Fall, 2021 series of classes is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, September 9, 2021.**

To receive further information and details on this process, please contact **Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at** <u>dnbob99@gmail.com</u> or call us at 310-371-0985.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this information along to them.

Join the Catholic Daughters of America

We donate generously to several charitable causes. Members give their time, energy and support to help others in the service of Christ.CDA members enjoy each other's company at their **monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at Kavanagh Hall.**

At this time, **we are inviting all Catholic women** of all ages from all surrounding parishes who are dedicated to Church and country to join our Court. Before each meeting we start by saying the holy Rosary.

We have various functions throughout the year to help raise funds for the different charities we support. If you are looking for a Catholic women's group to join, we are the one!

Please call **Kristin Flannery** for further information if you are interested. **310.529.6813**

Email courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com



Men's Retreat in Sierra Madre

Perhaps there has never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to break from the challenges we have faced in the past many months.

Men from our **parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre**. The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team.

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate spiritually.

The date is: **September 17,18,19** Reservations via Parish Captain: **Nick Tesi: 310.717.2937 nicktesi4@gmail.com** Or register directly at: **www.tinyurl.com/3fvafar9**





Tuesday Night Bible Study—New Series

The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is taking a break and will soon start it's next course on **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom**

by Ascension Press.

This study shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. Keep an eye in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks for more detailed information.

You are invited to watch a movie in Kavanagh Hall, Mon. Aug. 30



Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group will have a rosary and chaplet prayer at 7pm, and show a 35 minute video:

"I Am With You", about Carlo Acutis, known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website, miracolieucaristici.org

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for the upcoming Confirmation year is still open! If you have a teen that's in high school & has yet to receive this Sacrament, now's your chance to register. Sessions are set to begin in 2 weeks. Visit our Youth Ministry website below to reserve your spot today!

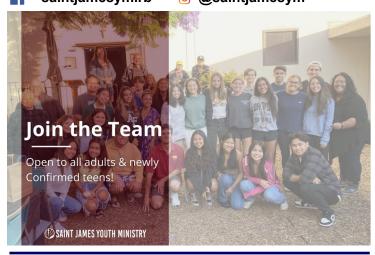
During this weekend's Masses, you heard about our ministry looking for adults to walk alongside our teens as Adult Core Team members. Our vibrant ministry continues to grow with excitement from our youth as they guide each other on the journey towards encountering Christ. Join us as we support & invest in the future of the Church! No experience needed - training opportunities will be provided for all who join. For more information on how you can share your gifts & talents with the community, please contact us at one of the options below.

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

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Catholic Q and A

J.P. Alegria

Q: A second century British Princess, in Jerusalem on a single-minded quest to find the remnants of the holy cross of Calvary, and her son, a converted Roman Emperor who was going into battle, recall for us an ancient and profoundly spiritual series of events which reflect the teachings of the Church, and which can be summarized in one timeless quotation. What is that quote?

A: The quote in Latin: *In hoc signo vinces.* The lives of the saints portray a desperate Constantine the Great facing a superior battle force, who knelt to pray in honor of his Christian mother, St. Helena. She was that English princess, later to become a Roman Empress whose feast day is celebrated this week. The histories go on to say that as Constantine prayed in earnest on that battlefield to the crucified Christian God, that he saw a cross of fire in the sky, beneath which were those words:

> In hoc signo vinces-"Through this sign thou shalt conquer."

The king did just that, having placed a standard of the cross before his troops who proceeded to march to victory. St. Helena in holy zeal with her relics, and Constantine the Great, each paid homage to the cross. The *Catechism* honors the cross in many informative entries, here, underscored with biblical references in Paragraph #623:

"By his loving obedience to the Father, unto death, even death on a cross, Jesus fulfills the atoning mission of the suffering servant who will make many righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities."

The scriptures, the *Catechism,* and the lives of the saints offer considerable insight into the meaning of the cross of Jesus, and prompt us to learn more. Pope Francis:

"Each time we fix our gaze on the image of Christ crucified, let us contemplate that he, as the true Servant of the Lord, has accomplished his mission...spilling his blood for the pardoning of sins..."

As our wonderful St. James Choir contemplates musically:

"May the spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one our hope in despair, one the cross that we bear."

From across the centuries St. Helena and Emperor Constantine serve to remind us that it is by faith that we do indeed firmly believe:

In hoc signo vinces...

St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

The 2021 – 2022 School Year is off to a great start!

SJS students arrived on Tuesday with new backpacks, school supplies and smiles on their faces as we began the year with in person instruction.

Pray that our students, faculty and staff have a happy, successful and healthy year.

Below is our Kindergarten class with **"My First Day in Kindergarten"** hats and balloons to welcome them to St. James!

God Bless you, Noreen Marících, Principal

Save the Date!

"Welcome Back to School" Celebration Fundraiser Event at St. James School . All (adults) are welcome fun games, food, DJ, and prizes Saturday, Sept 11th 7pm-11pm

Sunday School

Would you like your children to learn about God's love for them? Do you wish there was a way for a preschool aged child to understand the message in the gospel reading?

Consider enrolling your child in our Sunday School program! If you have any questions or would like to enroll, please contact Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221**

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Our registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open on the Religious Education page of the parish website, **SaintJames.Church/RE.** The website is also where you can find the weekly **Faith @ Home** resource, which is based upon the Sunday Scriptures we hear at Mass, as well as the **Partners in Faith** summer calendar of family activities. We hope these resources help you as you raise children of faith.

As we look to next fall, we also seek new Catechists. Pope Francis said in a homily in 2013,

"Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. This is something beautiful: to remember God..."

If you feel called to this formal role of sharing our faith with others as a memory keeper of God, please contact the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221** or email us at religioused@stjamesparish.org.

The Religious Education Program has Catechists who serve in many areas, including in our Religious Education classes, our Sunday School program, and our Children's Liturgy of the Word program.

Our community needs your gifts. Please consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve our parish during the coming school year.

God bless! Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



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Wall of Remembrance Photos Wanted



To honor our parishioners, family members and friends—from anywhere in the world--who have died during the pandemic, we are asking you to e-mail photos to us of those who have died and they will be printed and honored on our Wall of Remembrance leading up to our parish celebration.

During these long months of COVID, many parishioners found themselves mourning the loss of a loved one without the ability to gather as a community and receive comfort in the rituals of our faith. Because of this, we would like to honor those who have died since March of 2020 in our Masses over the weekend of

September 25 and 26.

As part of this Memorial Weekend, we would like to create a wall of remembrance with photos of those who have died. If you lost a family member or friend during this time of COVID, we ask that you share a digital copy of a photo of your loved one, as well as the following information with the Parish Office by contacting Jeannie Haworth at

jeannie@stjamesparish.org or by calling 310.372.5228.

Name of your loved one or friend

Relationship (parishioner, family or friend of parishioner)

Date of the death

Was this a COVID or non-COVID death?

We will begin creating our wall inside the church in August, so please feel free to share photos and information about those who were dear to you who have died as soon as possible. Thank you, in advance, for allowing the parish to mourn with you and to celebrate the lives of those we have lost.



It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes

it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone... https://hopeafterabortion.com/



Trash Bag Day Saturday, September 18 is Community Saturday: Trash Bag Day at House of Yahweh's South

Bay Outreach Center.

Help us collect as many 33- Gallon Black Trash Bags and 45- gallons clear trash bags for our Food Outreach Program and Thrift Store.

Clear trash bags are used to dispose of distressed food that cannot be used in our food boxes. Black trash bags are used in our Thrift Store to bag items we cannot use. We bag these items and donate them to Saint Vincent De Paul Thrift Stores.

The Marine Avenue Gate will be opened from 10-12pm. for trash bag donations. If you cannot make it on Saturday; you can bring your donations in Monday-Friday from 9am - 3pm. If you have any questions, please contact us at 310.675.6412 or visit our website at https://www.hoy-southbay.org



Family Promise Gift Cards Wanted

If you would like to contribute a gift card to assist the families this week, **Tracy Gravett** will be collecting **gift cards for groceries (Ralphs) and/or gasoline on**

> Monday, August 30 in the Kavanagh Hall kitchen between 11:30 and 2:00 pm.

You may also contact Liz Luevano via e-mail at liz@familypromiseosb.org to contribute.

Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you for your support

This time last year the world was turned upside down due to COVID-19, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

If you are able, your best options are:

Mail your envelopes to the St. James Parish Office 124 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, CA 90277



- Place in the Rectory mail slot at 415 Vincent St. 90277 or in church baskets in the Communion line.
- Set-Up Automatic Payments with your bank Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving By calling toll free 1-866-507-8757 or https://www.faithdirect.net Use the code CA560
- Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number Simply text any dollar amount to St. James' Number: 424.317.8878 Thank you for your generous support of Saint James!

Holy Hour Adoration

August 27th at 7-8 pm Every second and fourth Friday of the month

Adoration Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that you're my God ..

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you ... "





Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

We're Back! Join us! We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time.

> We'll be meeting in Kavanagh Hall on Monday at 7 pm.

Experience inner peace. All may offer their own intentions. Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

Help for Marriages



Are you suffering in your marriage? Do you have trouble communicating, more frequent arguments, distance between you and your spouse, or do you each go your own way? You're not alone. Retrouvaille, a couples marriage ministry provides help for troubled marriages. Take back the joy of your marriage. Your marriage is worth it!

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience. Learn the tools to communicate more effectively as a couple. Retrouvaille has helped couples learn the tools to restore intimacy and communication in their relationship.

> *All In-Person Weekend Programs* August 13-15 (Los Angeles) Spanish November 5-7 (Santa Clarita) English December 10-12 (Los Angeles) English

For registration and more information, visit helpourmarriage.com or lacatholics.org/retrouvaille

The Gathering Place

Bereavement Support Groups

Healing Through Grief Support Group via Zoom Through Tuesday, August 31st 4-5pm.

Healing Through Grief is a support group for those who have experienced the recent death of a loved one.

Our purpose is to encourage healing and confidence in those experiencing a death of a loved one.

Registration is required. For more information about our groups or to register, please call 310.543.3437 or email nancy.langevin@providence.org.

This seven week grief support group will provide participants:

- □ An opportunity to share their feelings
- □ Embrace memories
- □ Have compassionate support
- □ Relate to others who are also grieving
- Develop new methods of coping and problem solving

Session Group Meets on Tuesday, August 31st

Gospel Meditation

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination."

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done.

Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules.

Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition.

This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy.

It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall.

Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless.

Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Human Trafficking Awareness

We are always collecting personal care items, such as travel-size shampoos, conditioner, soap, skin lotion, etc. for our

transitioning victims. Please deposit these in the barrel beneath the stairway in the vestibule.

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5



Readings

Monday **The Lord comes to judge the earth**. 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b] / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13] / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday I trust in the mercy of God for ever. Col 1:1-8 / Ps 52:10, 11 [10] / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday The Lord has made known his salvation. Col 1:9-14 / Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2] / Lk 5:1-11

Friday Come with joy into the presence of the Lord. Col 1:15-20 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b] / Lk 5:33-39

Saturday God himself is my help. Col 1:21-23 / Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6] / Lk 6:1-5

Sunday **Praise the Lord, my soul!** Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b] / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

Prayer Requests

For those suffering illness, infirmity and those in need of our prayers:

Fred Ronkowski, Pia Cogorno, Luke & Holly Families, Vincent Sheridan, Mike Cannon, Jim Napora

From death to new life. For the souls of the recently departed, that through the mercy of God, They may rest in peace:

Judee Luke, Jose Villa

Gift Shop Now Open!



The Gift Shop is open for your **gift** and spiritual growth needs.

Wed. Thurs. Fri. 10am to 4pm Saturday 9am to 12 Noon Rich Modic Rich@SaintJames.Church

Weekly Mass Intentions		
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	August 28 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Gani Purwadi ଫ Connie Tatham ଫ Charlotte Moseley ଫ
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 8:30 am	August 29 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Betty Maloney ়⊅ John Capozza, Sr. ় Federico Villoria ়♪ Irma Villoria ♪ Pino Marzocchi ♪
10 am 12 Noon 5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Millicent de Souza 한 Celine D'Abreo 한 James Kedrowski Kitong Villanueva 한 Bernice Delugach 한 David Scott Radine 한 Michael Cabrera 한
Monday 8 am	August 30 Msgr. Mike	Lesa Rivas Sloss 🕆
Tuesday 8 am	August 31 Fr. Thaddeus	David & Alfredo Evans ⅌
Wed. 8 am	September 1 Fr. Jim	Simone Angiolini
Thurs. 8 am	September 2 Fr. Thaddeus	Ann Marie Cabrera 🕏
Friday 8 am	September 3 Msgr. Mike	Paul Croshaw 🕆
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	September 4 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim	Carmelita Sebastian ϑ Luz & Reynaldo Iriarte ϑ Connie Tatham ϑ
Sunday 6:30 am	September 5 Fr. Thaddeus	Esther Riedell む Leonardo Quicho む
8 am	Msgr. Mike	David Franco ় Linda Rich
8:30 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Castor Cabebe, Sr. ⊉ Gregorio Cabotaje ⅌
10 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Gemma Kedrowski
12 Noon	Msgr. Mike	Stanley & Rita Creado ় Carmelita Sebastian ়₽
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Lois Kunsch 🕆

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228**

We're here to help you become the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be.

Noreen Maricich

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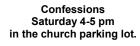
Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



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Helping Children Grow in Faith

'Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it' Proverbs 22:6



"Lord, cleanse me of my guilt"

Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound John Cable 310.372.5228

Eucharistic Ministers for Care Centers Miki Finken 310.316.3890



Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu, SMMM Associate Pastor FrThaddeus@stjamesparish.org



Deacon Bob & Patty Miller Deacon Couple DnBob99@Gmail.com



Wendy Bell Director of Preschool & Toddler Time Wendy@SaintJames.Church 310.376.5550

Preschool & Toddler Time Philopsophy We believe in creating a warm and loving environment where children can learn about themselves, gain an understanding of others and develop strong self-esteem.



Fr. James Kavanagh **Pastor Emeritus** FrJim@SaintJames.Church



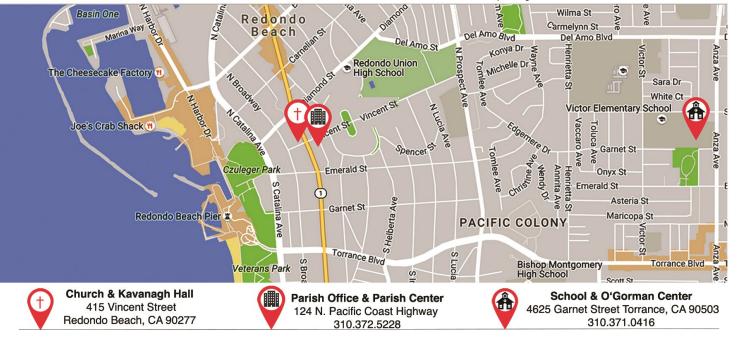
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Religious Education Office hours

Monday - Thursday

10 am - 3 pm

and during class times:

Tuesday 4 pm - 8:15

Wednesday 4 pm - 5:30